

Application No.: 09/720,262
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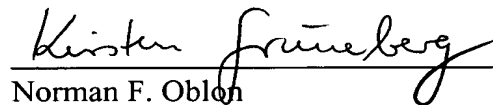
REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Langel for his helpful and courteous discussion with Applicants' Representative on July 2, 2003. During this discussion it was noted Jensen et al and Zhang were applied to Claims 1-8 and 25 in the Office Action of November 14, 2002. However, the Amendment filed May 14, 2003, canceled Claims 1-8 and 25. Thus, the rejections over Jensen et al and Zhang are moot in view of the cancellation of these Claims. Applicants pointed this fact out in their Amendment filed May 14, 2003, at page 9, lines 9 and 10. Thus, Applicants Amendment filed May 14, 2003, was fully responsive.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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